



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

E. KIUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3723

Application No.: 09/926,243

Examiner: M. Rachuba

Filed: September 28, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 107242-00023

For: POLISHING DEVICE AND METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed June 6, 2003, the Applicants hereby elect Species 2, directed to claims 33, 35, 37, 41, 44, 47, 50, 53, 56 and 59, without traverse. The Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected Species.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected claims 33, 35, 37, 41, 44, 47, 50, 53, 56 and 59 on the merits.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 107242-00023.

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